

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following amended paragraph:

[0010] For inserting the connection spring 22 into the connection cap 21, there is a gap 'G' between an outside diameter of an upper part of the connection spring 22, and an inside diameter of the through hole 21a of the connection cap 21 to be fit to the connection spring 22.

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following amended paragraph:

[0012] Low temperature, and low pressure refrigerant is introduced into the shell 1 through the suction pipe 12 from an outside of the compressor. The refrigerant is then introduced into the suction muffler 11 through the connection spring 22 connected to the suction pipe. The connection cap 21 between the connection spring 22 and the suction muffler 11 prevents leakage of refrigerant introduced into the suction muffler 11.

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] Second, the hitting of the connection cap and the connection spring to each other due to vibration from the compressor driving wears an inside surface of the connection cap, to make the gap between the connecting spring and the connection cap greater, resulting in leakage of the refrigerant introduced into the suction muffler.

Please replace paragraph [0047] with the following amended paragraph:

[0047] In more detail, the inlet part 110 of the suction muffler 100 has one end bent into an inside of the suction muffler 100 from one side surface of the suction muffler 100, and the other end extended to an inside of the suction muffler. Moreover, the other end of the inlet part 110 of the suction muffler, an inner end, has a vertical through hole 110a for making inside and outside of the suction muffler 100 in communication, with a diameter of the through hole 110a become the smaller as it goes the more to inward.

Please replace paragraph [0065] with the following amended paragraph:

[0065] Since exposure of an outside circumferential surface of the connection spring 210 is prevented by the connection pipe ~~230~~220, and the refrigerant introduced from the suction pipe 150 is drawn into the suction muffler 100 at a high speed through a flow passage made smaller in the upper part of the connection spring, the leakage of the refrigerant, or heated by an external heat during the introduction of the refrigerant are prevented.

Please replace paragraph [0068] with the following amended paragraph:

[0068] FIG. 5 illustrates a third embodiment suction muffler connector 200 having a connection pipe ~~230~~220 with a holding part 220a for inserting the enlarged part 210a therein of the connection spring illustrated in FIG. 4.